

CALIFORNIA BAY-DELTA PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WATERSHED SUBCOMMITTEE

Meeting Summary

Meeting Date/Location: Friday, March 18, 2005
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Jones & Stokes
2600 V Street, 2nd Floor Boardroom
Sacramento, CA

Meeting Attendees: See Attachment A

Meeting Handouts: See Attachment B

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert Meacher, California Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee (BDPAC) Watershed Subcommittee (Subcommittee) co-chair, opened the meeting with a round of introductions and a quick discussion of meeting logistics.

ANNUAL UPDATE OF THE WATERSHED PROGRAM MULTI-YEAR PLAN

Mr. Lowrie opened a discussion of the annual update of the Watershed Program Multi-Year Plan. The Subcommittee previously discussed this topic at the February meeting. One issue that the Subcommittee agreed has not been adequately addressed is technical assistance. Mr. Lowrie stated that the Watershed Program has fallen short of meeting the needs of that assistance. The meeting participants then discussed whether or not the Watershed Program should make an additional investment to enhance the level of technical assistance that is being offered to support ongoing local watershed activities. The Subcommittee discussed the need for technical assistance and provided comments including:

- It may be more appropriate to better identify existing technical assistance to see where the gaps are rather than develop a new technical assistance program.
- Individuals should inform our legislators that local watershed groups need technical assistance and what type assistance is needed.
- There is a consistent need for assistance to obtain permits for watershed restoration projects.
- Need to identify some existing models that work well. Suggested models may include: technical advisory groups of local watershed groups, "Blue Circles," Santa Cruz County's block grant process, and perhaps the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project.
- Encourage local coordination – a technical assistance program should be implemented at a regional scale rather than at a statewide level.

In summary, the Subcommittee largely agreed that there should be an investment in existing tools

rather than manufacturing a new model. There needs to be a way to effectively share information and that information needs to stay up to date. It is likely that gaps will emerge, which will allow strategic opportunities to plug into. A networking function should also be organized regionally rather than statewide.

LEGISLATOR'S WATERSHED EDUCATION DAY: THE COAST AND CALIFORNIA'S WATERSHEDS – SACRAMENTO EVENT 2005

Laurel Ames (California Watershed Network) announced that the 2005 Legislator's Watershed Education Day would be held on April 5th and 6th in Sacramento. This annual event is a great opportunity to highlight your watershed issues with your legislators as well as network with other watershed groups and legislative staff. Laurel encouraged meeting participants to participate in the event and let the legislators know that they really care about watershed issues. Laurel also provided some tips for those interested in meeting with their legislators during the event including making an appointment with the legislator's scheduler and what type of information to bring to the meeting. She suggested that watershed advocates let legislative staff know (1) what type of watershed work is happening in their watershed and why it is good for their district, and (2) what your watershed group needs from the legislature. The California Watershed Network has developed a list of talking points, which are available at www.californiawatershed.org.

MAY 2005 WATERSHED AWARENESS MONTH

Mary Lee Knecht announced that May 2005 is Watershed Awareness Month. The CWN wrote Governor Schwarzenegger requesting his support in the designation of a Watershed Awareness Month, and within two weeks he responded with a proclamation committing California to Watershed Awareness Month. The CWN is encouraging watershed groups to organize their own local events in celebration of Watershed Awareness Month. A number of meeting attendees have already planned activities for their local watershed and shared ideas for coordinating events. A list of events for May Watershed Awareness Month is posted on CWN's website: www.watershednetwork.org.

U.S. FOREST SERVICE – COUNTY RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Mr. Meacher introduced Christine Nota of the U.S. Forest Service. Ms. Nota presented an overview of the U.S. Forest Service's Resource Advisory Committee, which is a forum to expand partnerships and promote improved watershed management. Attachment B is a copy of the Powerpoint presentation. Additional information may be found online at www.fs.fed.us/payment.

LOCAL PRESENTATION: PLACER COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Mr. Edmond Sullivan of Placer County gave a presentation on the Western Placer County Watershed Coordination Planning and Assessment Project, a project funded by the CALFED Watershed Program. Attachment C is a copy of Mr. Sullivan's Powerpoint presentation.

WATERSHED PROGRAM 2005 PROPOSAL SOLICITATION PACKAGE

Mr. Meacher introduced Stefan Lorenzato, co-chair of the Interagency Watershed Advisory Team (IWAT), and his assistant Kristyne Van Skike. Stefan and Kristyne have been working on the draft proposal solicitation package (PSP) for the 2005 CALFED Watershed Program grant cycle.

The Department of Water Resources (DWR), not the State Water Resources Control Board, will be the contracting agency for 2005's grant cycle. Kristyne provided an overview of the proposed PSP process. A copy of the presentation is included as Attachment D. After the presentation the Subcommittee discussed the proposal review process and whether or not DWR should allow oral presentations from the applicants. Meeting attendees were divided regarding the issue; however, it is unlikely that DWR will have the time and/or resources to carry out a review process that includes oral presentations. DWR is anticipating that a public draft of the PSP will be available in a couple of months. The PSP current has a \$350,000 cap per project.

WATERSHED UPDATES AND MEETING WRAP-UP

The meeting participants provided a number of updates on local activities including the following upcoming events.

Watershed Program Watershed Partnership Seminar

Dennis Bowker announced that the first Watershed Program Watershed Partnership Seminar has been scheduled for June 13 to June 24 in the metropolitan Sacramento area. He explained that this is a long-awaited occasion, as two and a half years ago the Subcommittee requested that the Watershed Program sponsor eight to ten of these seminars over the next four years. Currently, the Watershed Program is working with the California Water Institute and Jones & Stokes to arrange the logistics, and has tentatively selected a contractor to put together the Seminar packaging. Mr. Bowker encouraged everyone to make nominations for scholarships to attend the Seminar. Applications are available at www.baydeltawatershed.org.

Sierra Nevada Alliance (SNA)

Megan Suarez announced that the SNA would be hosting a "Sierra Watershed Restoration Workshop and Field Tour" May 19-21. Megan encouraged folks to sign up for this free workshop to learn about basic restoration planning, to tour large and small restoration projects in Sierra watersheds, and to discover ways to design successful restoration efforts. Sign-ups from people working in the Sierra Nevada will be accepted first, and if the class does not fill up, the SNA will accept attendees from other geographic regions. To sign up, contact Ms. Suarez at (530) 542-4546 or megan@sierranevadaalliance.org with your name, watershed group, phone, e-mail, and fax number.

Sacramento River Watershed Program Monitoring Workshop

Kathy Russick, Sacramento River Watershed Program Coordinator, announced that SRWP is hosting a workshop on March 30. The workshop will focus on indicators for monitoring watershed health. For more information visit their website at www.sacrriver.org.

NEXT MEETING

The next Watershed Subcommittee meeting will be held on **Friday, April 15, 2005**, at Jones and Stokes (2600 V Street, Sacramento), from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

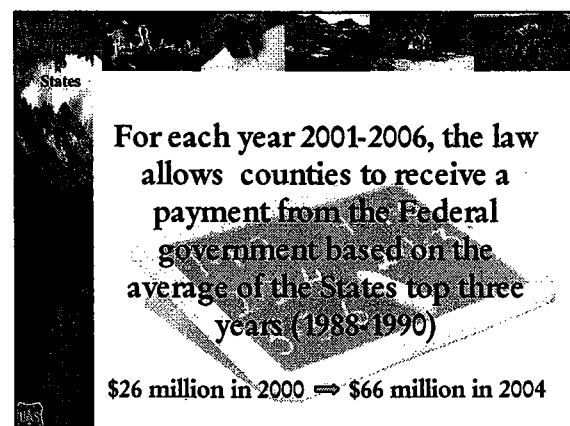
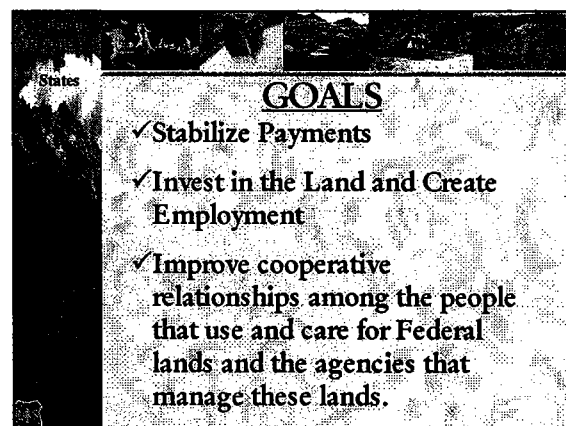
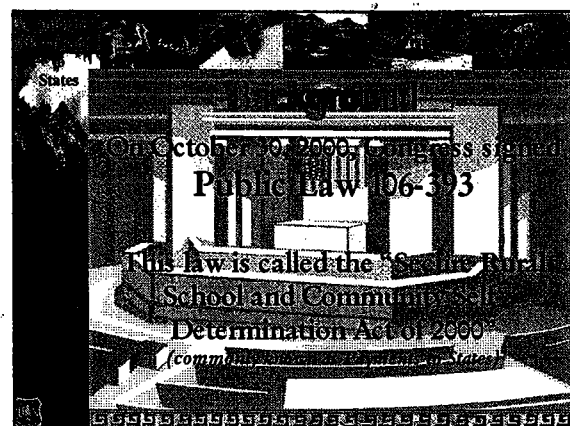
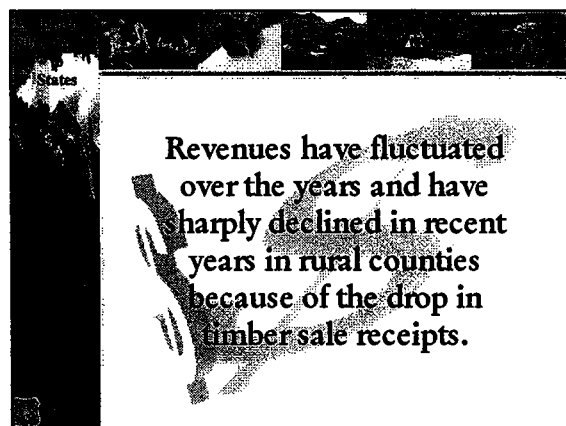
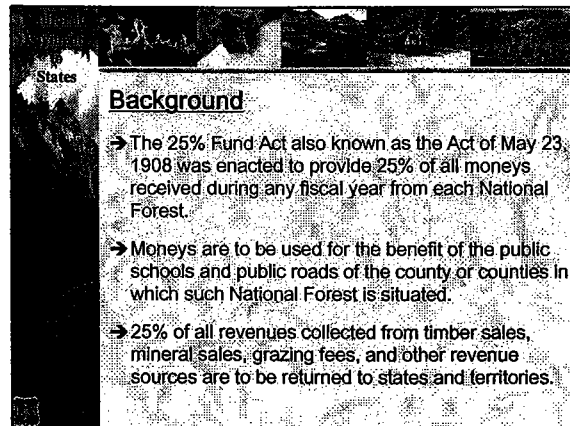
Attachment A

MEETING PARTICIPANTS

| Name | Affiliation |
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| Alvis, Julie | California Bay-Delta Authority |
| Ames, Laurel | California Watershed Network |
| Andersen, Jill | El Dorado County and Georgetown Divide Resource Conservation Districts |
| Bates, Greg | Deer Creek Conservancy |
| Benson, Craig | Sutter County |
| Bowker, Dennis | California Bay-Delta Authority |
| Bryan, Leslie | Western Shasta Resource Conservation District |
| Dills, Greg | East Lake and West Lake Resource Conservation District |
| Fateman, Abby | Contra Costa County |
| Francis, Pamela | Lake County Department of Public Works |
| Gould, Randy | U.S. Forest Service |
| Gresham, Rich | Placer County Resource Conservation District |
| Haze, Steve | Millerton Watershed Coalition |
| Heiman, Dennis | Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board |
| Holford, Dwight | Upper Putah Creek Stewardship |
| Jurkevics, Lauma | State Water Resources Control Board |
| Kaplan, Shana | U.S. Bureau of Reclamation |
| Klasson, Mick | Sacramento Area Flood Control Association |
| Knecht, Mary Lee | Jones & Stokes |
| Lorenzato, Stefan | California Department of Water Resources |
| Lowrie, John | California Bay-Delta Authority |
| Lunt, Tina | Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District |
| Martin, Sara | Jones & Stokes |
| Meacher, Robert | Plumas County Board of Supervisor |
| Memmott, Lara | Butte County Department of Water and Resource Conservation |
| Moller, James | Western Shasta Resource Conservation District |
| Moore, Lesley | The Watershed Project |
| Nota, Chris | U.S. Forest Service |
| Ohlson, John | Yolo County Democratic Center Committee |
| Pearce, Justin | William Lettis and Associates |
| Rush, Andrew | California Department of Conservation |
| Russick, Kathy | Sacramento River Watershed Program |
| Sevelius, Pia | Butte County Resource Conservation District |
| Shilling, Fraser | UC Davis |
| Sime, Fraser | California Department of Water Resources |
| Stone, JB | SV Resource Conservation District |
| Suarez, Megan | Sierra Nevada Alliance |
| Sullivan, Edmund | Placer County |
| Templin, Bill | American River Watershed Group |

Van Skike, Kristyne
Wallace, Ben
Walsh Cady, Casey
Ward, Kevin
Wermiel, Dan
Winter, Melanie

California Department of Water Resources
California Resource Conservation Districts
California Department of Food and Agriculture
UC Davis Information Center for the Environment
California Bay-Delta Authority
The River Project



California Payments to States

15-20% of Payment

Called Title II and Title III Projects
"Special Forest Projects"



Counties will choose how they want to distribute funds. They may choose all Title II or all Title III or some combination of both each year

California Payments to States

80-85% of Payment

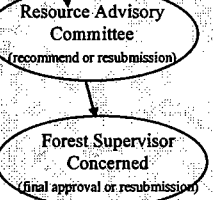
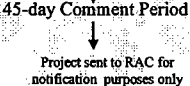
Called Title I Projects

Counties will continue to use these funds for schools and roads.

States

Side by side comparison of Title II and III

| Title II | Title III |
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| Projects benefit resources on Federal lands | Environmental education Search and rescue Community forestry Community service work Easement purchases Fire prevention & county planning |
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States

Where are the RACs located?

There are a total of 16 Forest Service RACs in California.

Alpine, Del Norte, Fresno, Glenn-Colusa, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Mendocino, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity, & Tuolumne

RACs are typically defined by county boundaries.

States

Federally Chartered Advisory Committee

15 People

- Labor Interest
- Developed Recreation (OHV/Commercial Rec.)
- Energy/Mineral Development Interest
- Timber Interest
- Grazing/other Land Use Permit
 - National Environmental Group
 - Regional/Local Environmental Group
 - Dispersed Recreation Interest
 - Archeological/Historical Interest
 - Wild Horse/Burro Interest
- State Elected Officer/Designee
- County/Local Elected Officer
- American Indian Tribe
- School Official/Teacher
- Public at Large

States

Resource Advisory Committees

The law requires that resource advisory committees (RACs) be formed to:

- ✓ Recommend Title II projects to the Secretary
- ✓ Improve collaborative relationships

California Payments to States

Title III

Projects that:

- ✓ Improve the maintenance of existing infrastructure
- ✓ Implement stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems
- ✓ Restore & improve land health & water quality

California Payments to States

Title II

Projects are on National Forest Lands or on Non-Federal Lands Where Projects Benefit Resources on Federal Land.

- ✓ Watershed Restoration
- ✓ Fuels Management
- ✓ Noxious Weeds
- ✓ Road Maintenance

California Payments to States

The legislation states at least 50 percent of all Title II funds should be used for road maintenance and watershed restoration projects per RAC, per year.

California Payments to States

Implementation

1. Cooperation: May enter into contracts, grants and cooperative agreements with
 - ✓ States
 - ✓ Local Governments
 - ✓ Private & Non-Profit Entities
 - ✓ Land Owners
2. Best Value Contracting

California Payments to States

Title II Projects

Funding Contributions

18% - Other Partners Funds

25% - Forest Service Funds

57% - RACs Funds

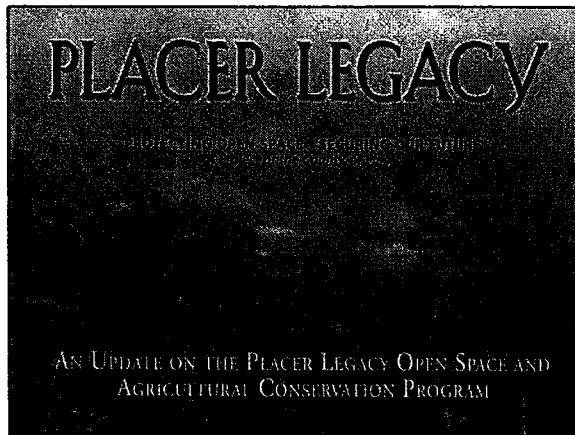
Figures generated from the project database as of March 5, 2004


California Payments to States

National Website

www.fs.fed.us/payments


Attachment C



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| PLACER LEGACY | |
| <i>Background</i> | |
| <p>The <i>Placer Legacy</i> Open Space and Agricultural Conservation Program was initiated by the Board of Supervisors in April of 1998 to implement the goals, policies and programs of the 1994 Placer County General Plan.</p> |  |
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| PLACER LEGACY |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preserve the diversity of plant and animal communities • Protect endangered, threatened and other locally rare plant and animal species • Protected and enhanced the streams and riparian corridors of Placer County • Promote principals of sustainable development and low impact development |
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| PLACER LEGACY |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to have agricultural be an integral part of Placer's rural economy • Conserve natural features necessary for access to a variety of outdoor recreation opportunities • Retain important scenic and historic sites • Maintain distinct municipality boundaries to preserve community character and the rural landscape. |
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| PLACER LEGACY | |
| <i>Conservation Program</i> | |
| <p>Biological Resources</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect and enhance aquatic and waterway habitat 2. Habitat conservation planning for endangered and threatened species 3. Conserve vernal pool complexes 4. Conserve foothill oak woodlands 5. Conserve Western Placer grasslands |  |
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| PLACER LEGACY |
| <i>Our Watershed Vision</i> |
| <p>Placer County watersheds will support a variety of healthy native aquatic, upland, and riparian habitats situated within a matrix of carefully planned and implemented sustainable mixed use communities and agricultural lands supplied with clean water.</p> |
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PLACER LEGACY

CALFED Grant

- Development of an ERP for PGCC.
- Paid for 1/3 time Watershed Coordinator.
- Baseline water quality monitoring & BMI PGCC.
- Baseline BMI Coon Creek.
- Prioritization ARCC ERP.
- Fish Passage.
- Outreach & Training.
- LID Conference.
- Identifying project opportunities – beginning the debate.

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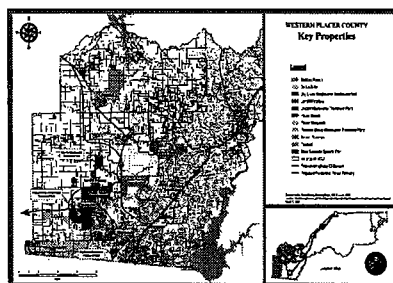
PGCC Watershed Group Goals and Objectives

- Support a variety of healthy native aquatic, upland, and riparian habitats.
- Develop plan that ultimately will be adopted by or serve as a guidance document for participating municipalities leading to tangible improvements in the watershed.
- Identify achievable ecological restoration projects that conform to Plan Objectives, funding dynamics, and stakeholder consensus.
- Linkage with the Placer County Habitat Conservation Planning/Natural Communities Conservation Plan process.

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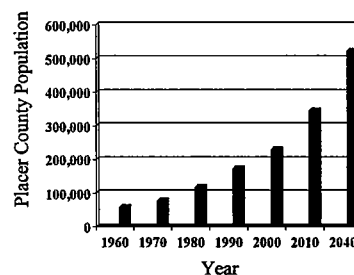
Development Pressure on Western Placer County Watershed



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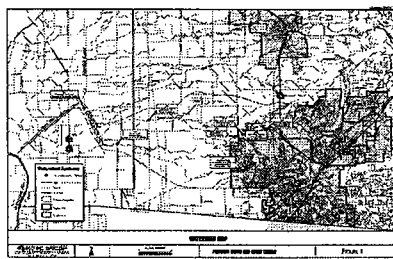
Population Growth



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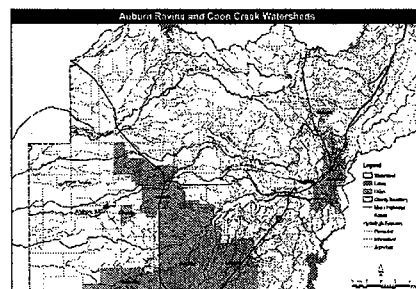
Pleasant Grove/Curry Creek Watersheds




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Auburn Ravine and Coon Creek Watersheds




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| | <i>Accomplishments</i> |

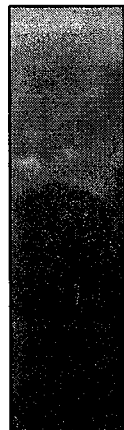
- Development of watershed plans for Dry Creek, Auburn Ravine, Coon Creek, and Pleasant Grove.
- Hiring of a watershed coordinator for the Dry Creek watershed. This individual will be responsible for developing low impact development (LID) standards for the County.
- Currently 3.5 staff committed to natural resources.
- A comprehensive fish passage study for both Coon Creek and Auburn Ravine.
- Protection of over 5 miles of Coon Creek and 1.5 miles of Auburn Ravine.

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| | <i>Accomplishments Continued</i> |


- Comprehensive water quality monitoring on PGCC and BMI analysis on Coon Creek.
- Working closely with Fish & Game.
- Spearheading restoration projects on Miner's Ravine, Coon Creek, Auburn Ravine, Rock Creek, and Squaw Creek.
- On-going outreach and education.
- Coordinating workshops and training seminars.
- Completion of the Dry Creek Greenway Plan and initiating a similar effort on the Truckee River.

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| | <i>Challenges and Pitfalls</i> |

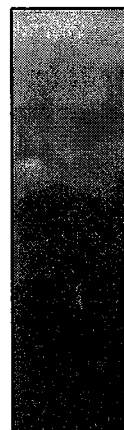
- Citizen Monitoring.
- The nature of a “watershed”- jurisdictional challenges.
- Water Agency “buy-in”.
- The changing world - development pressures and water use.
- Outreach in rural communities.

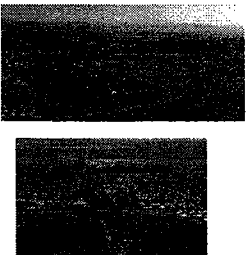
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| | <i>Challenges Continued</i> |

- Changing land use practices – implementing BMPs and LID.
- The public rights doctrine and property rights.
- Willing landowners/seller.
- “Selling” sustainable development.
- Funding – of course!

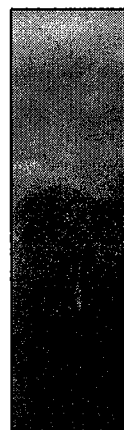
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The Placer Legacy Program provides an opportunity to conserve some of our most important resources at a time when our environment is changing so rapidly.

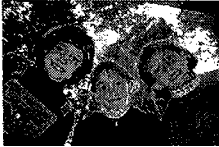
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By acting now to protect open space and our water ways Placer County is proactively protecting our unique places....

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|  | <p>....for future generations.</p> |
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| <i>Conservation Program</i> | |
| <p>Open Space and Agricultural Conservation Program and Placer Legacy Program Summary Report are available at: <u>www.placer.ca.gov/planning/legacy/</u> or Edmund Sullivan at (530) 886-3030 Thank You!</p> | |
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Watershed Program PSP

- Increase local capacity to engage in watershed management

through

- watershed assessment,
- planning, and
- education.

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DWR Watershed Program

Watershed Program PSP

- Broaden participation in existing watershed partnerships
- Initiate new partnerships dedicated to watershed management
- Advance the application and use of science in assessing, planning, and managing watersheds and in increasing public understanding of watershed characteristics, functions, and conditions
- Foster and support strategies to ensure long term sustainability of watershed management and local stewardship groups

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DWR Watershed Program

Watershed Program PSP

- Maintain or enhance the network of communication among watershed stakeholders
- Ensure that the benefits of local stewardship efforts are realized by all relevant CALFED program elements
- Align activities of agencies with the CALFED Watershed program
- Develop and apply monitoring and performance measurements in support of watershed management that meets CALFED Watershed Program needs.

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DWR Watershed Program

Watershed Program PSP

Previous Comments

- Clarify Intent
- Be Precise with language
- Be direct about support for education
- Keep focus on capacity & partnerships
- Keep process transparent, fair, clear
- Provide more time for applicants
- Allow for creative and innovative actions

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DWR Watershed Program

Watershed Program PSP

Clarify Intent

- Attachment describing assessment process
- Balancing of interests
 - Criteria for project review
 - Criteria for statewide balance
 - Source water protection / Headwater Watersheds
 - New stewardship efforts
 - K-12 education
 - Land use planning agencies

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DWR Watershed Program

Watershed Program PSP

Be Precise with language

Be direct about support for education

- Using forms,
 - Locked forms for admin info
 - Unlocked forms for project info
 - Supporting information
- Defining terms
- Listing priorities and contracts

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DWR Watershed Program

Watershed Program PSP

Keep focus on capacity & partnerships

Keep process transparent, fair, clear

- Workgroup developing review process
- 2 stage review
- Looking at conflict of interest issues, tech reviews, and program reviews
- How to provide feedback on concepts

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DWR Watershed Program

Watershed Program PSP

Allow for creative and innovative actions

Provide more time for applicants

- How much time is enough for concepts and full proposal development?
- Criteria to allow for exceptional value
- New statement of interest in creative and innovative solutions

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DWR Watershed Program

Watershed Program PSP

Administrative, Legal, Technical issues

- Eligibility, competition and gifts of public funds
- How much direction on issues related to funds source, e.g. labor compliance programs
- Info do we need for review vs. info we need for grant agreements, building the templates
- Information management, electronic info exchange.

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DWR Watershed Program